

WATERFOWL

In 2008, there were an estimated 19,894 active resident migratory bird hunters in South Dakota. From those, there were projected 17,751 active resident waterfowl hunters, and there were also 4,488 nonresident waterfowl hunters. Approximately 11% of the resident migratory bird certificate holders and 30% of the nonresident waterfowl license holders were sampled. The survey response rates were 69% for residents and 79% for nonresidents.

When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), waterfowl hunters reported an overall average rating of 4.97 for residents, and 5.17 for nonresidents.

Prior to 2006 and each year back to 2001 waterfowl hunters were asked whether or not they own any motorized decoys. The proportion of hunters who reported that they did own motorized decoys increased each year from 5% to 19% for residents and from 22% to 43% for nonresidents in 2001 and 2005 respectively.

Summary comparison of the 2000 - 2008 waterfowl seasons

Year	Resident Hunters				Nonresident Hunters			
	# Active Mig Brd Hunters	# Waterfowl Hunters	Survey Resp. Rate	Satisfaction	# Active Mig Brd Hunters	# Waterfowl Hunters	Survey Resp. Rate	Satisfaction
2000	32,241	28,795	78%	3.42	n/a	4,370	83%	4.76
2001	35,435	32,479	79%	3.30	n/a	3,974	84%	5.21
2002	31,110	28,804	76%	3.41	n/a	5,027	81%	4.99
2003	30,800	27,500	76%	3.15	n/a	4,717	83%	5.04
2004	27,951	25,349	76%	3.64	n/a	4,653	83%	4.60
2005	24,133	21,108	71%	3.34	n/a	4,326	81%	4.90
2006	23,585	20,684	76%	4.91	n/a	4,374	83%	5.20
2007	21,101	18,758	73%	4.83	n/a	4,338	82%	5.05
2008	19,894	17,751	69%	4.97	n/a	4,488	79%	5.17

WATERFOWL HARVEST SUMMARY FOR 2008

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	Resident	Non Residents
Resident Licenses Sold	32,317	-
Nonresident Season-long Licenses Sold	-	244
Nonresident 10-day Licenses Sold	-	3,743
Nonresident 3-day Licenses Sold	-	1,188
Projected ACTIVE MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS	19,894	4,488
Number Sampled by Survey	3,714	1,561
Number Responded to Survey	2,578	1,236
Responded and Participated in Season	1,587	1,072
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	991	164
Survey Response Rate	69.4%	79.2%
No. Hunters Reporting Goose or Duck Days	1,416	1,072
Projected Waterfowl Hunters - Ducks and Geese	17,751	4,488
TOTAL WATERFOWL HUNTERS =		22,239
All Waterfowl Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	4.97	5.17

**1* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1=very dissatisfied & 7=very satisfied*

COUNTY	DUCKS	CANADAS	SNOWS	WHTFRNT	TOTALS	PERCENT
1	2	1	0	0	3	0.2%
2	0	0	0	0	0	
3	87	40	30	10	167	9.1%
4	16	3	2	1	22	1.2%
5	28	11	3	1	43	2.3%
6	12	4	0	0	16	0.9%
7	7	7	3	0	17	0.9%
8	10	0	0	1	11	0.6%
10	6	0	0	0	6	0.3%
11	6	11	1	0	18	1.0%
12	32	14	4	1	51	2.8%
13	22	6	0	0	28	1.5%
14	0	0	0	0	0	
15	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%
16	2	3	1	0	6	0.3%
17	24	13	10	5	52	2.8%
18	79	44	14	10	147	8.0%
19	4	3	2	0	9	0.5%
20	1	1	0	0	2	0.1%
22	195	109	23	9	336	18.3%
23	9	10	2	2	23	1.3%
24	0	0	0	0	0	
25	5	2	1	1	9	0.5%
26	8	3	3	0	14	0.8%
28	4	1	0	0	5	0.3%
29	2	2	0	0	4	0.2%
30	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%
32	13	9	7	3	32	1.7%
33	2	1	0	0	3	0.2%
34	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%
35	1	1	1	0	3	0.2%
36	18	46	6	1	71	3.9%
37	1	1	1	0	3	0.2%
38	1	1	0	0	2	0.1%
40	5	1	0	0	6	0.3%
41	0	2	0	0	2	0.1%
42	19	13	8	1	41	2.2%
43	7	4	4	1	16	0.9%
45	9	9	1	2	21	1.1%
46	1	0	1	0	2	0.1%
47	16	9	4	1	30	1.6%
48	57	31	10	3	101	5.5%
50	0	0	0	0	0	
51	10	3	2	2	17	0.9%
52	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%
54	7	3	3	2	15	0.8%
55	71	59	4	6	140	7.6%
56	7	0	1	0	8	0.4%
57	16	3	6	1	26	1.4%
58	8	29	1	1	39	2.1%
59	18	14	6	2	40	2.2%
60	1	2	0	0	3	0.2%
61	2	2	0	0	4	0.2%
62	6	5	3	1	15	0.8%
63	3	2	1	0	6	0.3%
67	0	0	0	0	0	
UNK	96	55	32	14	197	10.7%
TOTALS:	964	593	201	82	1,840	100.0%
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